Garrison May Reveal Suspect's Role in JFK Plot

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NEW ORLEANS, March 2 (UPI)—District Attorney Jim Garrison plans to file today a bill of information accusing a civic leader of conspiring to murder President Kennedy.

The bill may reveal what role Garrison contends Clay Shaw, 54, former managing director of the International Trade Mart, played in the alleged plot.

The district attorney, who ordered Shaw arrested yesterday, thus far has declined to indicate how he believes the suspect was implicated in the assassination.

The arrest of Shaw was the first in Garrison's investigation. He said it would not be the last.

Shaw's associates said the silver-haired bachelor supported Kennedy for election in 1960.

Shaw was booked three hours after his arrest was announced, and freed on $10,000 bond. He would not comment after his release.

CLAIMED SOLUTION

Garrison last month announced he had "solved the mystery" of the assassination and every person involved would be arrested. He said the Warren Commission was wrong in concluding Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the 1963 tragedy at Dallas.

Shaw and a Saturn rocket plant quality control inspector, James Lewallen, 38, were subpoenaed by Garrison's office and told to appear yesterday for questioning.

Lewallen, who works for the Boeing Co. at the space agency's Michoud Saturn rocket plant, arrived first and left with his attorney a few hours later. Lewallen was questioned because he once shared an apartment with a key figure in the Garrison investigation, David W. Ferrie who was found dead in his apartment Feb. 22.

Shaw's name had not been mentioned in connection with the case and his arrest was something of a bombshell.

Shaw was director of the Trade Mart from 1949 until his retirement in September, 1965.

DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS

Shaw was described as a "political liberal, very admiring of President Kennedy," by Jesse Core, who worked with Shaw at the Trade Mart in 1963.

Shaw said in an interview last week he saw Oswald distributing Fair Play for Cuba Committee leaflets near the old Trade Mart in 1963, but never met Oswald and had not talked to him.

Some of Garrison's investigators, armed with a search warrant, examined Shaw's French Quarter apartment yesterday while Shaw was being questioned.

Garrison, on his way to police headquarters before Shaw's booking, mentioned another person in his investigation, Sergio Archacha Smith of Dallas.

Two of Garrison's investigators tried to induce Archacha, a career diplomat in pre-Castro Cuba and an anti-Castroite, to come to New Orleans. The Cuban said he would talk to them only in the presence of Dallas policemen.

In other developments, a Cuban national who allegedly told federal authorities President Kennedy would be murdered three days before his assassination is in Creedmore State Hospital in Queens where he has been committed since 1964, it was learned today.

CAME TO KILL

A copyright story in the Spanish-language daily newspaper 'El Tiempo" said that Pascual Enrique Ruedolo Gongora told the FBI on Nov. 19, 1963, that Cuban premier Fidel Castro had sent "six or eight teams" of assassins to the United states to kill Kennedy.

The story said Gongora, 45, told authorities Castro decided to do away with Kennedy before "Kennedy did away with him."

However, it was learned today that actually Gongora had written threatening letters to President Kennedy and then Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy and had been investigated by the secret service.

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CLAY SHAW

Seized in conspiracy